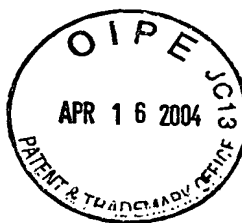


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Applicants hereby request entry of the following amendment prior to examination of the above-referenced application:

IN THE DRAWINGS

Applicants respectfully request approval of the following drawing change. Figure 8 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Specifically, Figure 8 is amended to replace "PREPROCESING" with "PREPROCESSING". Applicants submit a replacement drawing sheet incorporating the changes to Figure 8. Also submitted herewith is an annotated Figure 8, which reflects the requested change in red ink. No new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully request approval of the indicated drawing change. In anticipation of approval of the drawing change, Applicants are herewith submitting a complete set of formal figures, including one Replacement Sheet incorporating the above-noted change.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited. Applicants believe that no fee is due for this preliminary amendment; however, if any fee is due, please charge the fee due to Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

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